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Letter dated 3 February 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a joint statement announcing the establishment of the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme in April 1994 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Operational activities for development".

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ANNEX

Joint statement on the establishment of the
Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme

1. Japan and Singapore will start the Japan-Singapore Partnership Programme (JSPP) in April 1994. Under the Programme, Japan and Singapore have agreed jointly to provide resources and expertise to assist developing countries by increasing the number of joint training programmes to be conducted in Singapore for developing countries. Japan and Singapore will also explore other forms of collaboration. In implementing the Programme, Japan will place emphasis on the transfer of appropriate technology and the support of South-South cooperation, while Singapore will provide technical cooperation at a level commensurate with its stage of development.

2. The Programme was agreed to between the then Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Kiichi Miyazawa, and the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr. Goh Chok Tong, during Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong's visit to Tokyo in May 1993. On 11 January 1994, the Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Tomoya Kawamura, and Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, signed the record of discussions on the Programme setting out the arrangements and mechanism for its implementation.